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Door-to-Door

City Police launch *Mane Manege Police*; new initiative to connect with citizens

Mysuru, July 30 (BLU&BCT)- The State-wide initiative 'Mane Manege Police' (Police to go Door-To-Door), aimed at fostering people-friendly policing and bridging the gap between citizens and the Police, was launched in city this morning.

The programme was inaugurated by former Indian cricketer and current ICC match referee Javagal Srinath at the Convocation Hall of the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU).

The event was attended by City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, Deputy Commissioners of Police R.N. Bindu Mani (Law and Order) and K.S. Sundar Raj (Crime and Traffic) and Assistant Commissioners of Police (ACP) Ravi Prasad, Ramesh Kumar, Rajendra, C.K. Ashwath Narayan, Shivashankar and N. Sneha Raj.

Former cricketer Javagal Srinath lighting the lamp to launch 'Mane Manege Police' initiative at KSOU Convocation Hall today as (from left) ACP Ravi Prasad, DCP R.N. Bindu Mani, City Police Chief Seema Latkar, DCP K.S. Sundar Raj, ACPs Shivashankar (Traffic), Ramesh Kumar, C.K. Ashwath Narayan and Rajendra look on.

The initiative seeks to build trust and a sense of brotherhood between the public and the Police. As part of the programme, beat officers from every Police station will visit homes in their jurisdiction, interact with residents, collect details about their neighbourhood and note any law and order concerns raised by citizens. The data will be recorded to provide Police with a deeper and real-time understanding of their areas.

Public-Police trust

Speaking at the launch, Javagal Srinath emphasised the importance of trust between citizens and the Police. "I had the opportunity to interact closely with Police officers when I became the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) Secretary. That experience revealed just how challenging their work truly is. It's vital that the public understands this reality and works to bridge the gap between citizens and the Police," he said.

"Gaining people's trust through service is never easy. But if mutual respect and friendliness are fostered, it can lead to something remarkable. When Police take responsibility for their neighbourhoods and households see them not just as enforcers but as guardians of peace, it transforms public perception," he noted.

(See POLICE on page 7)

Huge seizure of drugs in Mysuru city

BJP Yuva Morcha stages protest, demands Home Minister's resignation

Mysuru, July 30 (MTY&BS)- The City BJP Yuva Morcha workers staged a protest at the premises of new Deputy Commissioner's Office in Siddarthanagar here this morning, against the unabated drug menace in city.

The protesters, led by City BJP Yuva Morcha President R. Rakesh Gowda, raised slogans against the State Government, alleging that the Home Ministry has completely failed in curtailing the drug menace and demanding Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara to resign.

"Maharashtra Police busted a huge drug cartel in the city, in an anti-narcotics operation conducted on July 26. It is nothing but an embarrassment to Mysuru Police and the Home Ministry has to be blamed for the same," the protesters alleged in the memorandum submitted to Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. P. Shivaraju.

(See PROTEST on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 30th July 2025

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, July 30- **M. Prakash Raje Urs** has been awarded Ph.D in Computer Science by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Machine Learning Approaches for Detection and Classification of Lung Cancer' submitted under the guidance of Dr. G.N.K. Suresh Babu.

R. Kasturi Rangan has been awarded Ph.D in Computer Science and Engineering by JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU), Mysuru for his thesis entitled 'Automatic Kannada Document Classification Using Machine Learning Approaches' submitted under the guidance of Dr. B.S. Harish.

D.A. Hemachandra has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the University of Mysore, for his thesis titled 'Kannada Ramayana Mahakavyagalalli Ravana: Samskruthika Prathimarupa' submitted under the guidance of Dr. S.D. Shashikala.

Mayura Dattatray Tapkire has been awarded Ph.D in Computer Science and Engineering by the JSS Science and Technology University, Mysuru, for her thesis 'Artificial Intelligence-based Celiac Disease Prediction and Healthcare' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Vanishri Arun.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

DRUG BUST AND ENFORCEMENT GAPS: ***The raid by the Maharashtra Police, which unearthed an MDMA manufacturing unit in Mysuru, is an indictment of Karnataka's law enforcement and intelligence machinery. That the Maharashtra Police had to travel 1,000 kms to bust a drug operation in the heart of Mysuru, while the local Police remained oblivious until they were tipped off on the matter, is both embarrassing and alarming. Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara's statement that the incident is "worrying" is a gross understatement. Mysuru is not a remote or obscure town; it is a prominent educational and tourism hub, home to prestigious institutions such as the University of Mysore and numerous private colleges, attracting thousands of students from across the country and abroad. The presence of a narcotics manufacturing unit in such a city raises grave questions about the reach of organised crime and the failure of local policing...***

This was a full-edged production and supply chain, reaching across State borders, exploiting vulnerabilities. The fact that it functioned for weeks, possibly longer, without detection reflects poorly on both the intelligence network of Mysuru Police and the State Intelligence Department. Mysuru is a compact city with a strong community network; it is inconceivable that such a high-volume business could run without negligence or, worse, complicity. The suspension of Narasimharaja Police Inspector *(now revoked),* ***in whose jurisdiction the unit was operating, is a token gesture and far from adequate. The city's Police Commissioner and the DCP concerned should also be held accountable for this serious lapse.***

While the Sstate has taken commendable steps, such as launching the 'Drug-Free Karnataka' app, such tools are meaningless without rigorous enforcement. The State must move beyond knee-jerk reactions and implement stringent monitoring, inter-agency coordination and community awareness programmes. Like Police Officers, elected representatives and citizens, too, must remain vigilant to detect such illegal activities so that timely action can be taken. If criminal enterprises flourish unchecked, it signals societal apathy. A city celebrated for its heritage, arts and education cannot be allowed to house drug hubs. Turning a blind eye now will only allow the rot to deepen.— *In Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Thriving in polluted sewers for decades

Kyiv: A sizeable population of tropical fish native to Venezuela and Guyana has been thriving in the polluted sewer system of Kyiv in Ukraine since 1980s.

The ability of guppies (Poecilia reticulata) to adapt to various environments is well documented, but few people would expect to find a full-blown colony of the popular aquarium fish living in the sewer system of Ukraine's capital city.

And yet, a scientific study found that the little tropical fish native to South America has not only been surviving, but actually thriving in the dirty sewers of Kyiv. Guppies were first observed in the Bortnicheskaya treatment plant on the outskirts of the Ukrainian capital in the 1980s and have been able to breed there despite the high level of pollution and unpleasant odour.

This robot can change its batteries

Beijing: Walker S2 humanoid robot is the world's first industrial robot that can replace its own battery, allowing it to operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The Walker S2 has been attracting a lot of attention because of its unique ability to replace its own batteries to ensure it never runs out of power.

Conventional robots need to be plugged in or have their batteries replaced, which means they have to stop working for a certain period of time, but the Walker S2 is equipped with a dual battery system that allows it to replace each battery itself, one at a time, to ensure that it essentially never runs out of power.

When it detects that its batteries are running low on power, the robot automatically heads to a battery exchange station where it bends its arms and uses its palms to pull out one of the batteries at the back and store it on the top shelf, before replacing it with a fully-charged one and getting back to work.

HEALTH CAPSULE

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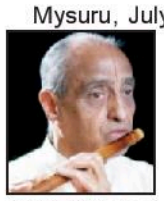
Sushira's 24th Annual Music Festival from Aug.1

Vidu. Yoga Kirthana

Vid. Amith Nadig

Vidu. Rakshitha

Mysuru, July 30- Sushira, Sri V. Desikachar's Academy of Music, Mysuru, has organised its 24th Annual Music Festival from Aug. 1 to 3 at Sangeetha Kalanidhi Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana, Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road in city at 6.30 pm.



V. Desikachar

Aug. 1: Karnatak vocal concert will be presented by Vidu. Yoga Kirthana. She will be accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohan Kumar on violin, Vid. G. S. Ramanujam on mridanga and Vid. Sunaad Anoor on khanjira.

Aug. 2: Vid. Amith Nadig will be presenting a flute recital. He will be accompanied by Vid. S Janardhan on violin, Vid. B.C. Manjunath on mridanga and Vid. Skanda Manjunath on ghata.

Aug. 3: Veena concert by Vidu. Rakshitha Ramesh accompanied by Vid. H. L. Shivashankaraswamy on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Stop using sacred images to prevent littering

These pictures were taken near Janathanagar Circle and at Geetha Bhandar Bus Stop in T.K. Layout.

Sir,

At various places, I have observed that people are using portraits of Hindu Gods on compound walls and house walls to prevent littering or urinating in those areas. While the intention may be to maintain cleanliness, this practice is deeply disheartening and disrespectful to devotees like me.

Our temples are built to offer a clean and sacred space where we surrender ourselves to the Almighty through rituals and devotion. Using sacred portraits for guarding walls is not at all acceptable.

On the other hand, it is equally disheartening to see old and worn-out photos of Hindu Gods — once used for pujas at home — being disposed of carelessly. There is a proper way to dispose of these sacred items with respect. The glass and wooden frames should be removed and discarded separately, and the portraits of the Gods should be buried respectfully. If possible, planting a sapling at the burial spot is a beautiful way to honour their sanctity.

I humbly request all citizens to take this point seriously and act responsibly to protect the dignity of our sacred images and spaces.

—Vittal Rao, Sr. Pharmacist, CSIR-CFTRI

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CM visiting New Delhi on Aug.1

Bengaluru, July 30- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is scheduled to visit New Delhi on Aug. 1.

At 6 pm on that day, he will participate in 'Bridge to Bengaluru' event organised by Department of Information and Technology at ITC Maurya Hotel. On Aug.2 at 9.30 am, he will participate in the seminar 'Constitutional Challenges - Perspectives and Pathways' organised by AICC Law, Human Rights and Right To Information (RTI) Cell at Vigyan Bhavan, as part of its Annual Legal Conclave. AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi will also attend the seminar where Siddaramaiah will speak on Social Justice at 11.30 am.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Karaga Mahotsava, music programmes

Sri Chamundeshwari & Sri Karumariyamma Temple Trust, Vidyaranyapuram, has organised the 95th Special Karaga Mahotsava from July 31 to Aug. 5. On Aug. 2 at 7 pm, 'Laya Lahari,' a devotional songs programme will be presented by Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy and troupe at Chamundipuram Circle. On Aug. 4 at 7 pm, folk songs by Shubha Raghavendra and troupe of Swara Sagara Music Foundation at the Temple premises; Aug. 5 at 7 pm, devotional songs by Kalaimamani Veeramani Raju and Abhishek Raju of Tamil Nadu at the Temple premises.

Discourses at RK Ashram

Sri Ramakrishna (RK) Ashram, Mysuru, has organised the following discourses at its premises in Yadavagiri from 6 pm to 6.50 pm: July 31 - Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita' in Kannada; Aug. 2 - Swami Mahamedanandaji speaks on 'Living at the Source - Yoga teachings of Vivekananda' in English; Aug. 3 - Swami Aghaharanandaji speaks on 'Sri Krishnana Baduku mattu Sadhane' in Kannada.

Yoga classes

Yoga classes will be conducted at JSS Ayurveda Hospital on Lalithadripura Road in Alanahalli everyday from 6.30 am to 7.30 am starting from Aug. 1. For details and registration, contact Mob: 99164-83919 or 96320-00697.

De-addiction Day

Marking the birth anniversary of late Seer Dr. Mahanta Shivayogi Swamiji of Vijaya Mahanteshwara Samsthana Mutt, Ilkal, Karnataka State Temperance Board, Bengaluru, Information & Public Relations Department, Health & Family Welfare Department and Government CPC Polytechnic College, Mysuru, have jointly organised De-Addiction Day celebrations at the auditorium of Government CPC Polytechnic College on Aug. 1 at 10.30 am. Narasimharaja MLA Tanveer Sait will inaugurate the programme. Government CPC Polytechnic College Principal Dr. S.V. Doddaiah will preside. Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, District Health & Family Welfare Officer Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, District Surveillance Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraju will be the chief guest. District Health & Family Welfare Department Psychiatrist Dr. M.S. Manjishri will deliver a special lecture, according to a press release from Information and Public Relations Asst. Director T.K. Harish.

Anti-narcotics raids intensified across city

584-gram ganja, 5-gram MDMA seized; 33 NDPS cases booked, 28 held, 48 sent for medical tests

Police personnel and Commando forces, led by City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, checking compartments inside two-wheelers on suspicions of ferrying narcotics on Rajendranagar Main Road last night. Picture right shows DCP (Law and Order) R.N. Bindu Mani and team making inquiries at a pharmaceutical shop.

Mysuru, July 30 (SBD&BCT)- The Mysuru City Police have intensified their crackdown on narcotic-related activities, launching extensive search operations across several localities, including N.R. Mohalla, last night.

The drive was personally overseen by City Top Cop Seema Latkar, who led a team of senior officers, including DCPs, ACPs and personnel from multiple units, in swift and coordinated raids targeting individuals under the influence of marijuana (ganja).

During the operation, officers seized 584 grams of ganja and 5 grams of MDMA. Cases have been registered against 28 individuals for drug consumption and 48 others have been sent for medical testing.

In total, 33 cases have been booked under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act — 28 cases under Section 27 relating to consumption and 5 under Section 20(b) concerning possession.

Raids on drug stores

The operation also focused on medical shops suspected of supplying controlled substances disguised as legitimate medication. Acting on credible intelligence, Police raided four shops, each within the limits of Udayagiri and Mandi Police Stations and two shops under Lashkar jurisdiction.

In these locations, multiple decoy purchases were made, revealing sedative medicines allegedly being sold without prescriptions. Samples of the suspect pharmaceuticals have been collected and sent for analysis.

PG accommodations

Meanwhile, Police teams inspected five boys' paying guest accommodations in Paduvarahalli and Jayalakshmipuram, questioning residents and owners to trace possible supply chains. In a separate incident under Krishnaraja (KR) Police Station limits, a minor was detained for transporting ganja.

Authorities have also intensified surveillance in public places known for gatherings linked to drug abuse. During the N.R. Mohalla operation, intensive vehicle checks were conducted on cars, auto-rickshaws and two-wheelers. Police teams swept narrow lanes and alleyways, leaving no area unchecked, and confronted several individuals found under the influence of narcotics. A significant proportion of those apprehended were minors and youth below the age of 20.

Officers reported that many offenders were consuming ganja in public spaces, often concealing the drug in improvised devices such as chimneys, cigarette holders and beedi wrappers. Those identified were immediately booked during the crackdown.

Drug laboratories disguised as sheds: Police urge residents to stay alert

Mysuru, July 30 (SBD&BCT)- The Police have urged residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity in their surroundings, particularly in cases involving makeshift sheds that could be used for illegal operations.

The recent drug bust in Mysuru has highlighted this growing concern, as authorities uncovered narcotics being manufactured inside what appeared to be a vehicle garage.

Outwardly resembling a car service shed, the facility was, in reality, fitted with equipment for drug production, including concealed furnaces designed to emit minimal smoke, making detection by passersby nearly impossible.

This operation is the second such instance in recent months.

Earlier, near Hosahundi close to Chamundi Hill, the Police, in coordination with Mysore Milk Union (MyMUL) officials, busted a fake ghee manufacturing unit that was operating under the name of the popular dairy brand Nandini. Four individuals were arrested in connection with that racket.

With illicit drug-making now also traced to similar shed-like structures, the Police have renewed their appeal to the public for heightened vigilance.

Residents are advised to alert the authorities immediately if they come across sheds emitting unexplained odours or engaging in unusual activity, as such vigilance could help prevent further criminal operations from taking root in residential areas.

Unidentified body found in Varuna Lake

Mysuru, July 30 (KS)- Varuna Police, on July 26, have found a body of an unidentified man floating in Varuna Lake and have registered a case.

The deceased is aged between 35 and 40 years, 5.3 ft. tall, round faced, well built, dark complexioned and was wearing a cream-coloured full arm shirt with khaki and green coloured stripes and grey pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Varuna Police Station on Ph: 0821-2594411 or the District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800.

Obituary

Dada Peer

Mysuru, July 30- Dada Peer (56), of JK Tyre and Industries Ltd. and a resident of Rajendra Nagar, Kesare, behind Nehru Park, passed away following a heart attack this morning in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters, brothers, sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be performed today at Masjid Farooqia at Kesare at 5.15 pm, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

M.S. Krishnamurthy

M.S. Krishnamurthy (87), retired Engineer at Rare Materials Plant (RMP), Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) and a resident of Geetha Road in Chamarajapuram, passed away on July 24 in city.

He leaves behind his wife A. Kaveri, daughters Prithvi Krishnamurthy and Dr. Sushma Krishnamurthy, sons-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill on July 25.

International Tiger Day-2025

'Magge Female' and two cubs sighted by Safari-goers at Nagarahole

Visitors to Kakanakote Safari Centre at Dammanakatte in H.D. Kote taluk under the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve were in for a treat as they witnessed a tigress along with its two playful cubs. July 29 being 'International Tiger Day,' many wildlife enthusiasts and shutterbugs from Mysuru visited the safari centre to capture the tigers on their mobile phones and cameras. International Tiger Day was celebrated at all 57 tiger reserves in the country including Nagarahole Tiger Reserve to create awareness on tiger conversation. The tigress at Nagarahole Tiger Reserve is famous among the wildlife enthusiasts as 'Magge Female' and is considered to be one of the iconic tigers in Kabini. [Pic. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

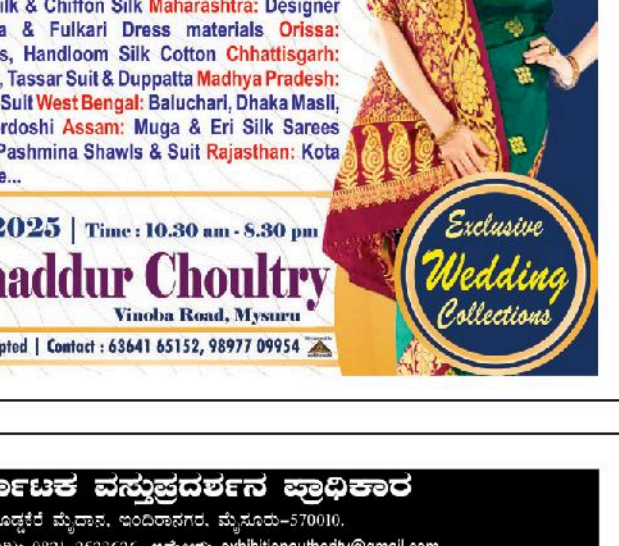
Woman alleges botched up surgery, seeks justice

Mysuru, July 30 (BS)- In an alleged botched up surgery, a 45-year-old woman is suffering from damage to urinary bladder. A complaint has been lodged in this regard at Devaraja Police Station, a year ago, but the Police are yet to initiate action.

Lakshmi of Metagalli has accused a doctor of Cheluvamba Hospital for damaging her urinary bladder, while performing a surgery for acute stomach ache. Alleging medical negligence, she has appealed for justice for the pain she has to endure for the blunder committed by the doctor.

In her complaint, Lakshmi has stated that following stomach ache she had been to Cheluvamba Hospital. The doctor suspected it to be a case of tumour in abdomen and suggested to operate the same. After a few tests, surgery was performed.

As she experienced 'leakage of urine' (urinary incontinence), she went to the doctor again, who diagnosed it as a case of damage to urinary bladder and referred to Nephro Urology Department at K.R. Hospital. Even after being treated there, she continues to experience the acute pain.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Human trafficking is modern-day slavery, says Senior Civil Judge

Senior Civil Judge and Member-Secretary of District Legal Services Authority K.K. Amarnath inaugurating 'World Day Against Trafficking in Persons-2025' at Mysuru SP Office Auditorium in city this morning as Additional SPs C. Mallick and Nagesh, DHO Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, ZP Deputy Secretary Krishnamraju and others look on.

Mysuru, July 30 (MK&VNS) - "Human trafficking today serves the demands of modern-day slavery," observed Senior Civil Judge and District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Member-Secretary K.K. Amarnath.

He was speaking after inaugurating the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons-2025 programme organised jointly by the District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, DLSA, Police Department and several other government departments and associations at the Mysuru SP Office auditorium this morning.

Amarnath said victims of human trafficking are subjected to sexual harassment, forced labour, illegal organ harvesting, beggary and child marriages.

Explaining the punishments prescribed under law, he stated, "A person found guilty of trafficking one individual will face imprisonment of no less than seven years. For trafficking more than one person, the punishment extends to ten years and, in certain cases, life imprisonment. In cases of child trafficking, offenders are sentenced to fourteen years or life imprisonment."

Escalating trafficking cases

Calling for greater awareness to combat the menace, the judge noted how criminal activities have escalated over time. "What once began as petty thefts involving household items has now grown to the horrifying scale of trafficking human beings," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Additional SP C. Mallick highlighted the gravity of the crime. "Human trafficking is the third highest revenue-generating crime globally and is banned under Article 23 of the Indian Constitution," he said.

Drawing a distinction, he explained, "If a person travels voluntarily, it is travel; but if taken forcibly against their will, it is trafficking." Mallick pointed out that recent cases include women being cheated under the guise of marriage and later sold.

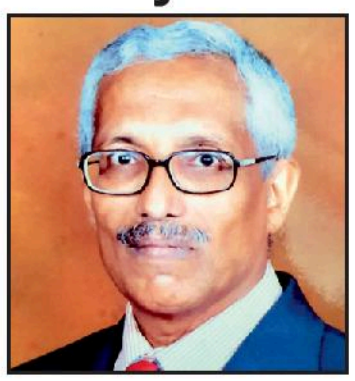
"Even if a missing person returns, society rarely views them in the same manner as it once did. We must take preventive measures and exercise caution to avoid becoming victims of trafficking. Many are trafficked even for domestic help. ASHA and Anganwadi workers must be vigilant and create awareness in their communities," he added.

He urged immediate reporting of missing persons and stressed the importance of community cooperation in preventing trafficking. The programme was attended by Additional SP Nagesh, ZP Deputy Secretary Krishamraju, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy and others.

Anant Cars opens new Mahindra Showroom in city

Anant Cars opened its new Mahindra Showroom on T. Narasipur Road in city recently. The new showroom was inaugurated by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar in the presence of Baneswar Banerjee, Vice-President and National Sales Head, Sachin Gupta, Vice-President (Customer Care), Arunagshu Roy, Zonal Head Sales (South), Pratyush Bose, Zonal Head Service (South) of Mahindra & Mahindra and C. Bhaskar, CEO, Anant Cars, Basanth Patil, Senior Vice-President (Sales & Service) of Anant Cars and team.

Former KSOU Registrar passes away



Mysuru, July 30 - **Dr. G. Rama Rathan** (76), former Registrar (Evaluation), Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) and Head of the Department of History, passed away this morning following brief illness at his residence in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysuru.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter, daughter-in-law, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage at 5.30 pm today, according to family sources.

Drug seizure: Excise Dept. conducts citywide raids

Mysuru, July 30 (BCT)- In the aftermath of a major drug bust reported in Mysuru by the Mumbai Police with the assistance of Mysuru City Police, Mysuru's Excise Department launched an emergency crackdown across several city localities to reinforce public safety and enforce excise laws.

The operation, led by the Deputy Superintendent of Excise, Mysuru Sub-Division, mobilised personnel from Zones 1, 2, 3 and 4, along with staff from the offices of the Deputy Commissioner of Excise, Excise Inspectors and Home Guards from Mysuru Urban District.

This joint action by the Excise and Home Guard Departments highlighted the administration's proactive approach in pre-empting narcotics-related threats and strengthening community participation in law enforcement.

Raids were carried out in Unnathinagar, Belavatha village, Vande Mataram Colony, Saibaba Colony and Yellamma Colony — all under Zone 1 jurisdiction — following reports of possible narcotics activity. However, thorough inspections confirmed that no narcotics or excise violations were detected.

Post-raid, Ward-level awareness meetings were held in Vande Mataram Colony, Saibaba Colony and Yellamma Colony to sensitise residents about the dangers of drug use, distribution and illicit excise practices.

Citizens were urged to remain vigilant and promptly report any suspicious activities to the authorities.

Six marijuana plants seized

Mysuru, July 30 (BCT)-Excise officials have seized six marijuana (ganja) plants, weighing approximately 3.280 kilograms, from a vacant plot on New Sayyaji Rao Road in Mysuru. The plants, reportedly cultivated on the premises, included both flowers and stems.

Acting on credible information, a team led by Excise Dy.SP H.K. Ramesh, along with Inspectors and staff, conducted a raid on the location. Authorities have registered a case against unidentified individuals responsible for cultivating the plants. Further investigation is underway.

KSCA Maharaja Trophy T20 Tournament - 2025

Mysore Warriors shortlists ten players for training camp in city

A total of 184 cricketers take part in 'Talent Hunt'

Cricketers taking part in the 'Talent Hunt' organised by Mysore Warriors at SDNR Wadiyar Stadium in Manasagangothri, Mysuru, this morning.

Mysuru, July 30 (MK&VNS)- A total of ten players have been shortlisted during the second leg of 'Talent Hunt' conducted by Mysore Warriors at SDNR Wadiyar Stadium in city this morning.

The selected players will be a part of Mysore Warriors men's cricket team camp for complete assessment before announcing the final two names of the selected players on Aug. 3.

The shortlisted players include: Manoj Ramesh, C. Dakshath, Vikas Gowda, R. Himesh, Swayam Raje Urs, Gowtham Sagar, M.R. Jayanth, C. Rithesh, A. Nikhil and K. Gaurav.

As many as 184 cricketers, including 31 batters, 53 medium pacers, 40 spinners, 50 all-rounders, 10 wicket-keepers from Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar took part in the selection process.

The search for talented cricketers was done under the watchful eyes of Mysore Warriors Head Coach Rx Murali, Assistant Coach Vijay Madyalkar and Team Manger M.R. Suresh.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Suresh said, "The players selected in the Talent Hunt will be assessed during the training camp before the selection of two players is announced to be a part of the Mysore Warriors team."

Mysore Warriors, who had retained Karun Nair, Prasidh Krishna, S.U. Karthik and S.A. Karthik, also picked up other players during the players auction held in Bengaluru on July 15.

This year's KSCA Maharaja Trophy will be held at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru from Aug. 11 to 28, with no spectators allowed inside the Stadium. Defending Champions will begin their campaign this year against last year's runner-up Bengaluru Blasters on Aug. 11.

Police to go door-to-door

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"A visit from the Police shouldn't be feared. It should be welcomed as a sign of law and order. When that bond is strong, wrongdoers find no space to operate," the former cricketer Srinath added.

Informant info confidential

Commissioner Seema Latkar spoke about strengthening the Police-public partnership. "We are protectors of your rights — and that responsibility needs active support from society. Without public cooperation, our work becomes much harder. Police will visit every household to listen to grievances and provide solutions as per the law," she said.

Detailing the restructuring of beat policing, Latkar explained, "Each beat constable is now assigned a cluster of 40–50 homes, covering up to 250 households. They will personally visit these homes, and residents can share updates about potential crimes or illegal activities."

"Through QR codes, household concerns can be directly reported to the Police. We will appoint one advisor per cluster and hold weekly meetings with them every Saturday, and outstanding advisors will be recognised with the 'Best Police Friend and Advisor' award," she said assuring confidentiality for informants. "For homes without male members, we will ensure a woman cop is assigned to build trust and provide reassurance" she said.

BJP Yuva Morcha protest

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The 192.53 kg of Mephedrone (commonly known as MD) drug worth Rs. 390 crore in the international market, was seized from a rented vehicle garage on the service road of the Outer Ring Road (ORR) near Belavatha in the city.

The probe should be intensified, the protesters said.

The youngsters are spoiling their future by taking to drugs. The Police should take a stringent action against the supply and use of drugs, they demanded.

Senior BJP leaders B.P. Manjunath, S. Murali, former Deputy Mayor V. Shailendra, Rajkumar, K.M. Nishanth, Jogi Manju, City BJP Media Convener M.S. Mahesh Raje Urs and others were present.

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Women 'Warriors' all set for inaugural KSCA Maharani Trophy

Arjun Ranga** (2nd from right), **Owner, Mysore Warriors & MD, Cycle Pure Agarbathi, seen during the players auction held in Bengaluru yesterday. Others seen are** (from left) **Team Manager M.R. Suresh, Assistant Manager M.K. Priyanka** (partially seen), **Mysore Warriors Team Coordinator R. Madhusudan and Women's Team Head Coach Karuna Jain.

Mysuru, July 30 (VNS)- Mysuru's NR Group, owners of Mysore Warriors, picked up international cricketer Shubha Satheesh during the players auction held yesterday for the inaugural KSCA Maharani T20 tournament to be held in Bengaluru from Aug. 4 to Aug. 10.

Shubha Satheesh is the first woman cricketer from Mysuru to play for the Indian women's team. She was also a member of Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) women's team which won Women's Premiere League (WPL) in 2024. The matches will be played at Alur Grounds and the finals will be at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on Aug. 10.

Mysore Warriors will compete against Hubli Tigers, Kalyani Bengaluru Blasters, Mangaluru Dragons and Shivamogga Lions making the competition an exciting display of emerging women's cricketing talent.

NR Group has also announced 'Cycle Pure Agarbathi Trusted Player' and Series Award for this season to honour standout women cricketers.

Speaking about Mysore Warrior's debut in the Maharani Trophy, Arjun Ranga, Owner, Mysore Warriors and Managing Director, Cycle Pure Agarbathi, said, "We are proud to support this landmark moment in Karnataka cricket. The launch of the Maharani Trophy is a celebration of women's sports and we are honoured to present a spirited and competitive team."

Mysore Warriors women's squad: Shubha Satheesh, Shishira A. Gowda, Sahana S. Pawar, Deeksha J. Honushree, Rachitha Hatwar, Shreya Pote, Vandita K. Rao, P. Rohitha Chowdry, M. Pooja Kumari, K.V. Disha, S. Tanvi Raj, Kinjal B. Patel, Patel Silkin Jeetubhai, K. Aqfin Ruhi, Kusuma Gowda & N.G. Prakruthi.

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Dr. G. Rama Rathan
D.O.B: 19.4.1949 - D.O.D: 30.7.2025
Ex. Registrar of Evaluation,
Professor of History (HOD), KSOU
Resident of Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysore

With profound grief we remember Dr. G. Rama Rathan, whose wisdom and dedication shaped countless future. May his legacy continue to inspire all who walk on the path of education.

Deeply mourned by:
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THE LIGHTER SIDE

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

A visit to the Indian Grocery Store in the US

A jetlagged pilgrimage through aisles of nostalgia

Jetlag is a strange thing. You arrive in the US, pumped full of optimism and airplane peanuts, only to wake up at 3 am questioning your place in the universe and whether sleep is a myth designed to sell mattresses.

It was during one such groggy morning that my cousin's mom announced: "We're going to the Indian store today. Get ready."

At that point, I would have agreed to anything. I was just grateful to be included in a human activity. Little did I know, I was not being invited. I was being drafted. Because this was not just a grocery run. This was a full-scale, strategic operation. A cultural expedition wrapped in plastic bags and *masala* fumes. A weekly ritual for many NRIs. And for me, one after a long time.

We loaded into their mini-van like it was a mission to Mars. Everyone had a role. My cousin was the driver. Her mom held the grocery list. It looked less like a shopping list and more like a partially decoded ancient scroll. The list had arrows and symbols. There were annotations that were vague. These included "Frozen okra — not soggy this time" and "*Dal* (yellow — but not the mushy kind)." I just sat quietly, clutching my coffee, trying to stay upright.

The store was in a strip mall in Little India. It is one of those magical enclaves in American suburbs. Suddenly, everything switches to Hindi signage. The air smells like cumin, car horns, and *samosas* in equal measure. Even before we entered the store, I knew we were close. A man was arguing passionately with a cashier about the price of *methi* leaves in Hindi. Meanwhile, three aunties were debating mango brands like wine connoisseurs. It was comforting. And mildly terrifying.

Walking into the store was like stepping into a time capsule powered by turmeric. The scent hit me instantly — a heady mix of curry leaves, asafoetida and nostalgia. My senses were overwhelmed. My soul? Thriving.

The aisles were narrow and packed tighter than Bengaluru traffic. Kids ran around like they had just had six mango *lassis* each. Grandmothers blocked the aisles, comparing *aata* brands with the seriousness of brain surgeons. And then there were the uncles. Indian uncles in US grocery stores are a special breed. Mine immediately disappeared into the produce section, inspecting *methi* bunches like they were diamonds.

My cousin and I took charge of the cart, which was empty for all of three minutes. Then began the glorious chaos. We tossed in bags of rice large enough to be used as furniture. A cascade of *dal* packets followed — *masoor, toor* and *chana*. There were also some wildcards. I am convinced no one actually cooks them, but everyone buys them "just in case."

Frozen snacks came next. I blanked out for a moment and came to holding a box of *samosas* and three varieties of *paratha* I did not even know existed. Somewhere along the way, we picked up three tubs of ghee. We also acquired a bottle of rose syrup, which was big enough to bathe in.

Then came the snack aisle. If the rest of the store was about utility, this was pure indulgence — biscuits, creams, *chaklis*, banana chips and dry fruit *halwa*. I swear a tear rolled down my cheek when I spotted a packet of toffees. You don't come to America expecting to find your childhood in a plastic wrapper. But there it was, staring at me with chocolatey, judgemental eyes.

Meanwhile, my cousin's mom was conducting full-scale negotiations with a fellow shopper about whether a particular brand of tea was truly "*kadak*." They didn't know each other, but in Indian grocery stores, strangers bond over *chai* reviews like old friends.

The freezer aisle was its own tundra-themed adventure. I cracked open a frosted glass door and was immediately blasted with cold air and childhood memories. Frozen *bhindi, jackfruit, pav bhaji mix* and *kulfis* of every questionable flavour. I tried to grab a packet of *paneer tikka* but ended up nearly frostbitten. My cousin screamed across the aisle, "Get the *hara bhara kebabs* too!" and I obeyed like I was taking orders in a war zone.

Finally, we reached the checkout. And that is when the true cost of sentimentality hit. The bill crept up like a slow-burning plot twist. Every beep of the scanner chipped away at my travel budget. $7.99 for a pack of snack? $12.99 for mango pulp? We were one aisle away from having to mortgage a kidney.

But none of it mattered. Because **this was not just shopping — it was time travel, therapy and cultural preservation all in one. You don't argue with a ritual that makes you feel like home is not so far away.**

Back home, we unloaded enough groceries to feed a cricket team and a wedding party. My cousin's mom brewed fresh *chai* with the *elaichi* we had bought. We all sat around sipping from mismatched mugs. We were surrounded by bags of *dal* and frozen snacks. It felt like we were victorious hunters admiring their spoils.

That night, I lay in bed, my suitcase now heavier with spices and half a dozen packs of instant noodles I don't remember buying to ensure that the rest of my trip was well stocked for. My clothes would smell like *masala* for weeks. My soul, though? It had never felt more fed.

So yes, I visited an Indian grocery store in the US. And no, it was not just about groceries. It was about community, chaos, comfort — and the inexplicable urge to buy way more *poha* than anyone realistically needs.

And I cannot wait to do it again.

Final thoughts

A visit to the Indian grocery store in the US is not just about food. It is about feeling rooted, even when you are thousands of miles away. It is a cultural survival kit stuffed into a reusable Patel Brothers bag. Will I do it again on my next visit? Absolutely. But next time, I am bringing a suitcase just for the snacks. And maybe… a forklift.

[Dr. R. Balasubramaniam is the Founder of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement. 'The Lighter Side' is a series of satirical articles meant to bring a smile by highlighting the funny side of everyday life.]

Pramoda Devi to open Inter-State Bridge Championship on Aug. 1

Mysuru, July 30 (MTY&KS)- An Inter-State Bridge Championship will be held from Aug. 1 to 5 at Mysore Race Club in city, said Mysuru District Bridge Association President H.N. Jayapal.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan in city, Jayapal said that the Championship will be inaugurated by the erstwhile Mysore royal family member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar on Aug. 1 at 1 pm. The championship matches will be held from 7 am to 7.30 pm till Aug. 5.

Players from various States will be participating, Jayapal said adding that those selected in this event will be representing the country in international championship.

Bridge game is played using playing cards, which helps in mental development besides helping students score more marks in mathematics.

Association office-bearers Umapathi and Dr. Puttabasappa were present at the press meet.

Excels in gymnastics

Mysuru, July 30- City's Amrutha Satish has won four silver medals in 'Gym Queen - 2025' National-level Gymnastics Championships held at Hyderabad recently.

A 6th standard student of Christ The King Convent (CKC), Amrutha is the daughter of Satish and Pramoda couple residing in K.G. Koppal. She is being trained at University of Mysore Gymnasium through Perform Sports Academy.

Coach guidance display, four lifts for Ashokapuram Station

Halt for Chamarajanagar-Tirupati Express train at Ashokapuram under consideration: MP Yaduveer

SWR Mysuru Division DRM Mudit Mittal seen explaining about the works to Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar at Ashokapuram Railway Station in city on July 28.

Mysuru, July 30 (PM&BCT)- A proposal to install an advanced Coach Guidance Display System at Ashokapuram Railway Station in Mysuru, estimated at Rs. 2 crore, has received approval, announced Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar. The station will also get four new lifts to improve passenger convenience.

The MP, during his visit to Mysuru Central Railway Station on Monday, reviewed ongoing development works and held discussions with senior officials before addressing the media.

He highlighted that Ashokapuram Station had already been upgraded under Central Government funding and will now see further enhancements with the lifts and display system.

Responding to long-pending public demand, he added that the request to introduce a halt for the Chamarajanagar-Tirupati Express at Ashokapuram is under consideration.

Railway authorities confirmed that special trains will operate during the upcoming Dasara and Deepavali festivals, with precautionary measures to avoid a repeat of last year's issues.

Though previous disruptions were minimal, officials anticipate higher tourist inflow this season and are strengthening arrangements to ensure smooth travel.

Mysuru Railway Station redevelopment

Under the station's redevelopment plan, an online survey had flagged objections to the design of the proposed third entryway. Addressing this, the MP assured that the design would be reworked to reflect Mysuru's architectural heritage, blending the station's historic aesthetics with modern amenities.

The tender process is also underway for building a flyover at the railway gate behind the Crawford Hall building on Bogadi Road, the MP said.

To address delays on the Nanjangud-Chamarajanagar route, where additional stops prolong journeys, a new crossing station is being built to streamline train movements, he added.

Naganahalli terminal land issues

Work on the proposed Naganahalli terminal remains stalled due to land acquisition delays. Officials clarified that funds have been transferred to the District Administration, but formal proceedings are pending with the State Government.

Some landowners reside abroad and have not responded to notifications, prompting authorities to explore alternative acquisition methods to expedite the project. A total of 8 acres and 29 guntas of land has been identified for the terminal, and railway officials have requested the MP's intervention to expedite the land acquisition process.

Mysuru-Chamarajanagar railway line DPR

The Detailed Project Report (DPR) for doubling the Mysuru-Chamarajanagar railway line is nearing completion and is expected to be submitted to the Railway Board this August. This update was conveyed to MP Yaduveer during a railway infrastructure review meeting held on Monday at the South Western Railway Divisional Office in Mysuru.

The proposed double track will cover a distance of approximately 60 kilometres, with field surveys already completed and preparations now underway to finalise the comprehensive DPR for submission.

Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Mudit Mittal, Additional DRM Shammas Hameed, and other senior officials of SWR Mysuru Division accompanied the MP during the inspection.

Mysuru-Kushalnagar Railway line

MP Yaduveer urges State to fast-track land acquisition

Mysuru, July 30 (PM&BCT)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has called upon the State Government to expedite land acquisition for the proposed Mysuru-Belagola-Kushalnagar railway line, warning that the project cannot progress without active State support.

Although scheduled to begin earlier, the project was postponed due to funding constraints at the State-level. Discussions are underway to explore alternative implementation strategies, but the MP stressed the urgency of completing land acquisition to prevent further delays.

Highlighting Kodagu's industrial potential, including the industrial zone at Kushalnagar, Yaduveer said: "This is a vital and beneficial project for the region and must be prioritised."

The State Government has already approved a separate railway line from Shravanabelagola to Madikeri and initiated land acquisition for it. Work on that route will commence once the acquisition is finalised.

Virajpet ticket kiosk to reopen

Addressing local rail connectivity issues, the MP also said that the ticketing kiosk at Virajpet in Kodagu, which was closed due to low applications (just two or three per month), will be reopened as new demand has emerged. He has instructed the SWR Divisional Railway Manager to take necessary steps to revive the facility.

Ulama-O-Huffaz Union to launch anti-drug drive on Aug. 1

Mysuru, July 30 (GA&BCT)- In the wake of rising concern over the use, sale and impact of narcotic substances on Mysuru's social environment, the Ulama-O-Huffaz Union, Mysuru District, will hold an awareness campaign on Aug. 1 across all mosques, neighbourhoods and streets in Rajivnagar, according to Union Secretary Naseerullah Khan.

Addressing a press conference at Pathrakarthara Bhavan, Khan said the Ulama-O-Huffaz Union has been actively campaigning against narcotic usage and trafficking in the Mysuru region for the past two years.

Despite these efforts, the sale and consumption of ganja, chemical solutions, drugs and powder-based intoxicants continue to rise unchecked in the city, prompting Police attention and increased public engagement.

Commending the recent crackdown by the Maharashtra Police on a narcotics production unit along Mysuru's Outer Ring Road, he expressed concern over continued local-level drug sales involving minors in certain neighbourhoods.

He urged law enforcement authorities to take swift and serious action. The Ulama-O-Huffaz Union has already submitted relevant information to the Deputy Commissioner of Police, he added.

In the light of the deteriorating social environment caused by drug use, trade and addiction in Mysuru, the Union has planned a large-scale awareness drive on Aug. 1 across all mosques, lanes, and localities of Rajivnagar, with the participation of religious leaders across communities.

RPF steps up narcotics checks on all Mysuru-bound trains

Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel conducting a passenger awareness drive on Train No. 16315 (Mysuru-Thiruvananthapuram) yesterday regarding movement of drugs, bomb threats, theft of passengers' belongings and drugging.

Mysuru, July 30 (AG&BCT)- The Railway Department has heightened vigilance to curb drug trafficking through its network, with the Railway Protection Force (RPF) carrying out intensified checks on trains every day.

Trains are frequently used by traffickers to transport narcotics, drugs and psychotropic substances across the country. Following the massive synthetic drug haul in Mysuru, valued at hundreds of crores of rupees, inspections have been stepped up, with trains arriving and departing from Mysuru under close watch.

"Routine checks are a regular part of our operations, but whenever we receive intelligence from State or Central agencies, we scale up inspections," said South Western Railway Mysuru Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Mudit Mittal, speaking to *Star of Mysore*. "After last Saturday's drug racket bust, RPF sleuths have been checking every train thoroughly," he added.

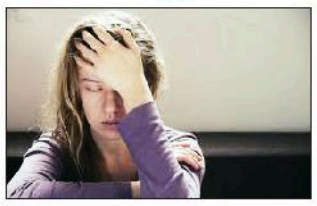
A dedicated narcotics wing, 'NARCOS', was set up under RPF Mysuru in 2019 to arrest, search and seize narcotic substances under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. The wing currently comprises 10 officers and two dog squads.

"We have a vast network of sources and informers who alert us to narcotics movements in transit. We are actively tapping into this network to track and dismantle trafficking operations," Mittal added.

Vulnerable routes are identified through regular analysis, and preventive measures are implemented in coordination with all stakeholders to counter drug trafficking, he said.

WORD OF THE DAY

Logy



Pronunciation: LOH-ghee (adjective).
Meaning: Like sluggish and groggy, logy describes a person who is not able to think or move normally because of being tired, sick, etc., or something that moves slowly and ploddingly.
Origin: The origins of the word logy (sometimes spelled loggy) likely lie in Dutch word log, meaning "heavy," a relation of ancient German adjective luggich, meaning "lazy." The word shares no history with the log of campfires, which is centuries older and has probable Scandinavian roots. Likewise, it has no etymological connection to groggy, which describes someone weak and unsteady on the feet or in action. That word ultimately comes from nickname of an English admiral: "Old Grog," concerned with the health of his crew, served diluted rum to his sailors, who returned the favour by dubbing the rum mixture grog. (Modern grog is typically rum, or another liquor, cut with water & served warm, sweetened & with lemon).
Example: "The picture moves at a stately pace that one supposes was considered period-appropriate but feels merely logy at times." —Glenn Kenny, The New York Times, 15 May 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Laevoduction

Movement leftwards.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Tag Along

Meaning: The phrase 'Tag Along' means to follow along after someone; to go along with someone.
Origin: Although the origin of 'tag along' isn't known, it first appeared in print in 1900. Its meaning, "follow along", comes from the late 17th century, though the word 'tag' was first used as a noun in the 15th century. A related secondary meaning, "following persistently and closely" dates back to 1884.
Example: "The family dog tagged along after children wherever they went."

QUOTE BOX

Discontent with the actual is the necessary precondition of every moral change and spiritual rebirth. **—Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

SEED

Answer: Top Seed.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Place where money is coined
5 Tech. Std. Order
8 Piece of news
12 Helps
13 Even, contracted by a poet ?
14 Cut off one's ___ to spite one's face?
15 Emancipate
17 Drinks by sips or spoonfuls
18 Stomach informally
19 Ancient Indian dynasty
21 Bring up
24 Lounge around
25 Highest point
26 Short musical composition
30 Inlet for "air" change !
31 Sharp and biting
32 Desmond's pet name?
33 Reprove
35 Show appreciation
36 Remain
37 Food plans
38 Marionette
41 Charged atom
42 Pertaining to wings
43 Go up
48 Concerning, in legal terms - "rein" anagram ? (2,2)
49 Stimulus to perception?
50 Roman 1052
51 Suggestive
52 Responses abbreviation
53 Airline Pilots Assoc.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

H	E	T	■	A	L	O	E	■	S	L	O	T
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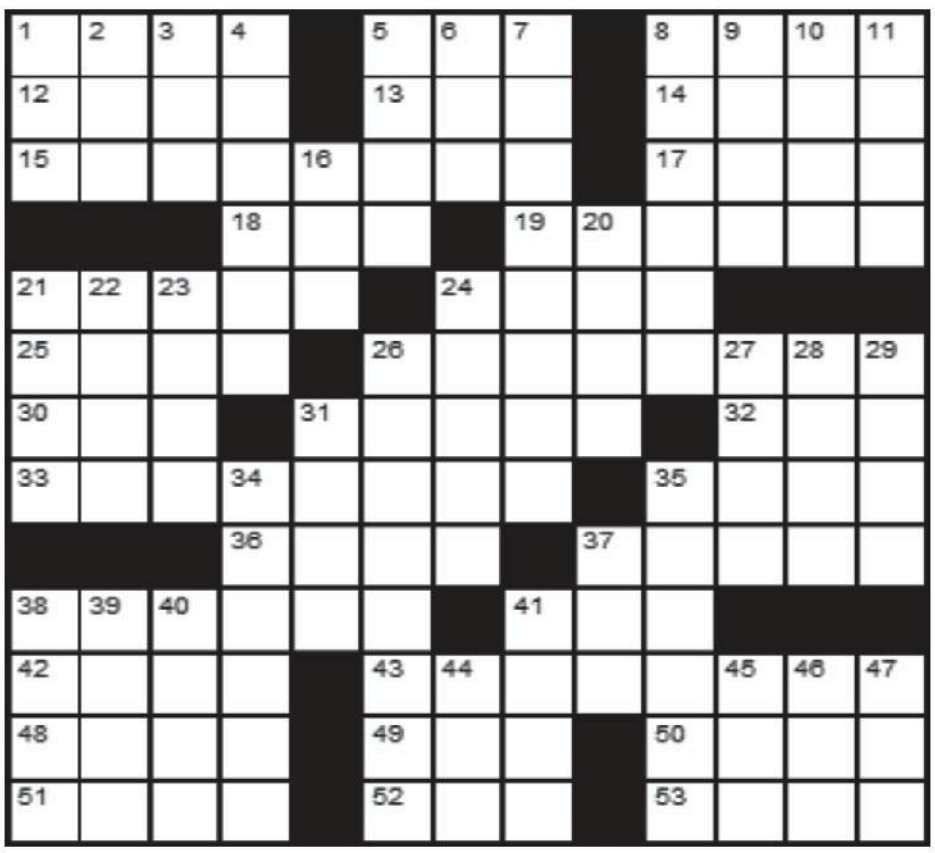
DOWN

1 ___ de mer (seasickness)
2 Three for the Roman
3 Nav Data Base
4 Fly than can carry sleeping sickness
5 Sporting side
6 Fix in position
7 Four weeks and a little more (3,5)
8 Affront
9 Excursion
10 Sight
11 Tabletop hill
16 Have regrets
20 Wings or winglike parts
21 ___ avis : the rare mythical bird?
22 Sour tasting substance
23 Muslim priest
24 No good; useless, a slang word
26 Disorder around the hip
27 Not working
28 Tidy
29 Poisonous snakes
31 Gaming stake
34 Fish hawk ?
35 Film theatre
37 Black beetle
38 Two together make one
39 Forearm bone
40 French playground - "carp" anagram?
41 Frozen treats
44 Convent dweller
45 Everybody
46 Small drink
47 Electronic Industries Assoc.



SUDOKU

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4				9				
						5		2

Answer to previous puzzle

6	2	8	4	5	3	7	1	9
5	9	7	6	1	8	2	4	3
4	1	3	7	2	9	5	8	6
7	3	9	2	4	6	1	5	8
8	4	5	3	7	1	9	6	2
2	6	1	8	9	5	3	7	4
9	8	6	5	3	7	4	2	1
3	7	4	1	8	2	6	9	5
1	5	2	9	6	4	8	3	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

KEE U LKOZ UD K LKFG WIN KON K TUON

LJFN KON XOEUGUZIN HJLIF.

TODAY'S CLUE: E EQUALS L

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The eyes are not responsible when the mind does the seeing.

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  Mahavatar Narsimha (K) - 4 Shows
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	(S-2)	8.20 am, 11.10 am
	(S-3)	7.40 pm; (S-4) 4.15 pm
The Fantastic 4 First Step (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.35 am; (S-3) 7.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Junior (K)	(S-1)	1 pm
Saiyaare (H)	(S-1)	4.05 pm; (S-4) 9.50 am, 1 pm, 10.10
Nilgiris: A shared Wilderness (E)	(S-2)	2.05 pm
Thalaivan Thalaivii (Ta)	(S-2)	4 pm, 10.10 pm
Hari Hara Veera Mallu - Part 1 (Te)	(S-2)	6.50 pm
Ekka (K)	(S-3)	10.15 am, 1.15 pm; (S-4) 7.10 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K)	(S-3)	4.20 pm

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Saiyaara (H)	:	10.30am,1.15pm,6.15pm,9.45pm
Su From So (K)	:	10.45 am, 1.30 pm, 4.10 pm
		6.50 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Junior (K)	:	1.05 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K-3D)	:	1.30 pm
The Fantastic Four: First Steps (E-3D)	:	4 pm
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		2 pm, 4.50 pm, 6.55 pm
		7.40 pm, 9.45, 10.30 pm
Saiyaara (H)	:	9.20 am. 12.30 pm, 3.50 pm
		6.35 pm, 10.20 pm
Ekka (K)	:	9.55 am, 12.45 pm, 3.50 pm
		6.55 pm, 10 pm
Bandook (K)	:	10.20 am
Hari Hara Veera Mallu - Part 1 (Te)	:	12.30 pm, 7 pm
Thalaivan Thalaivii (Ta)	:	3.40 pm
Jurassic World: Rebirth (E)	:	4.05 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (H)	:	9.45 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 88009 00009

Su From So (K)	:	8.50 am, 10.10 am, 1 pm
		5.05 pm, 7.10 pm, 10 pm
Saiyaara (H)	:	10.05 am, 3.30 pm, 10.15 pm
Junior (K)	:	10.30 am
The Fantastic Four: First Steps (E-3D)	:	11.40 am, 7.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Ekka (K)	:	1 pm, 4.05 pm, 7.10 pm, 10 pm
Nilgiris: A Shared Wilderness (E)	:	1.40 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K-3D)	:	2.15 pm
Hari Hara Veera Mallu - Part 1 (Te)	:	3.50 pm, 6.40 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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The Fantastic Four: First Steps (E-3D)	:	9.05 am, 11.40 am, 5 pm
Saiyaara (H)	:	9.10 am, 12.25 pm, 6.45 pm, 10 pm
Thalaivan Thalaivii (Ta)	:	9.55 am, 7.35 pm
Hari Hara Veera Mallu - Part 1 (Te)	:	10.30 am, 3.40 pm
Su From So (K)	:	12.50pm, 1.50pm, 4.40, 7.30pm, 10.30pm
Ekka (K)	:	3.40 pm, 10.20 pm
Bandook (K)	:	7 pm
Maareesan (Ta)	:	10.10 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Ph: 0821-4283555

Su from So (K)	:	8.50 am, 10.50 am, 1.10 pm, 2.10 pm
		7.10 pm, 7.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Saiyaara (H)	:	9.10 am, 3.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Ekka (K)	:	10.05 am, 4 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.10 pm
The Fantastic Four: First Steps (E-3D)	:	11.35 am, 7.55 pm
Hari Hara Veera Mallu - Part 1 (Te)	:	12.25 pm, 10 pm
Junior (K)	:	2.10 pm
Thalaivan Thalaivii (Ta)	:	5 pm
Nilgiris: A Shared Wilderness (E)	:	5.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

New team of Lions Mysore Platinum

Lions Club of Mysore Platinum held its installation programme at a private hotel in city recently. Immediate Past Multiple Council Chairperson Ln. Dr. N. Krishnegowda pmjf inaugurated the event. Past District Governor Ln. Renu Kumar from Bengaluru installed the new office-bearers for the Lionistic year 2025-26. Lion Umashankar as the new President will lead the Club which has nearly 50 members from all walks of life. Seen in the picture are *(standing from left)* ***Ln. Naveen, Ln. Mahadev, Ln. Umashankar, Ln. Dr. N. Krishnegowda, Ln. Renu Kumar, Ln. Siddegowda, Ln. Mohan Kumar and Ln. Cheluvaraj with outgoing team*** *(sitting from left)* ***Ln. Suresh, Past Secretary, Ln. Kiran Bolar, Past President and Ln. Ganesh Prasad, Past Treasurer, who were felicitated.***

EVENTS TODAY (JULY 30)

- **Abhivruddi:** 'Silk India-2025,' a spectacular 11-day silk exhibition, Nanjaraja Bahaddur Choultry, Vinobha Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** State-level Handloom Exhibition and Sale 'Hathkargha Mela,' JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, Mysuru, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Shravana Masa Pujanushtana and Discourse Series, Mass prayer, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Discourse on 'Shivatatva Chintamani' (written by Lakkanna Dandesha) by Dr. K. Anantharamu, Vaachana by Vid. K. Ramachandra, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Government Ayurveda Research Centre, Mysuru, Department of Food Science and Nutrition, Yuvaraja's College, University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru:** Valedictory of National Conference on 'Yuva Arogya Yoga Mahotsava-2025,' UoM Registrar M.K. Savitha delivers valedictory address, Yoga & Naturopathy Deputy Director Dr. Harish Babu guest of honour, Mysuru's Government Ayurveda Medical College (GAMC) Principal Dr. K.S. Radhakrishna Ramarao, Yuvaraja's College Administrative Officer Prof. K. Ajay Kumar, Mysuru's Government Nature Cure and Yoga Medical College (GNCYMC) Principal Dr. Shreevatsa and Yuvaraja's College Controller of Examination Prof. Nagesh Babu chief guests, Platinum Jubilee Auditorium, Yuvaraja's College premises, **4 pm.**
- **Music Programme:** *Sangeetha Samrat* Mohammed Rafi Memorial Hindi Film Songs Programme by singers Raghavendra Ratnakar, Dr. Preetham Raghavendra and Shreshta K. Rag, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JULY 31)

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- **Sri Chamundeshwari & Sri Karumariyamma Temple Trust, Vidyaranyapuram:** 95th Special Karaga Mahotsava, Sri Chamundeshwari Temple, Chamundi Vanam, Vidyaranyapuram, **12 noon.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**

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